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FOR PRESIDENT,

JAMES A. GARFIELD,

of Ohio.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

CHESTER A. ARTHUR,

of New York.

"LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE."

We have the emphatic assurance of a contemporary that "the business boom and the republican boom are identical." The meaning of this is that the party in charge of the administration is to be credited with whatever of prosperity the country may experience.

Democratic Organ.

And that is just about the way that matter hangs at present. The business men of the country take that view of it. The prominent and intelligent manufacturers, the merchants, the farmers, the mechanics and the artisans of the country everywhere stand almost without regard to former party lines regard to a hazard that the business interests of the country cannot afford to take at this time, to change the political administration and policy of the government.

The country is now prosperous and happy. We have abundant harvests and a fair market for our products. For this the republican party claims no credit, except that the general republican policy of the government has inspired to industry and effort. It lays no claim to that agency which has brought the rain and sunshine upon the face of the earth, and caused the increase which rewards the toil of the husband man. This credit belongs to Him who controls the seasons and directs the storm.

But for the tide of prosperity which pervades every other branch of enterprise and business in our common country the policies and principles of the republican party can justly claim the credit. The tariff which fosters and protects American manufactures is one of the leading measures and principles that centre in the republican faith. If opponents do not fully embrace free trade it is for the reason that public sentiment has forced them in the direction of protection against their traditions. One of the strongest and firmest planks in the republican platform is that which declares for a protective tariff, and it is that tariff which has planted a bow of promise upon the cloud which the pauper labor of Europe had hung over the manufacturing interests of this country. Under a protective tariff we can compete with the world, and the fear that this will be disturbed under a change of power in the government leads the manufacturers to distrust and dread such a result. Hence this class, even where their political preferences are democratic, are declaring for GARFIELD and ARTHUR in this contest.

Then we have the soundest, safest and most reliable currency known to the marts of trade and commerce anywhere on the globe. This inspires confidence and gives an impulse to the business pursuits and enterprises of the country. This has been secured through the wisdom of republican policy and legislation, and hence the full credit of it is scored to the republican party. We have attained this perfection of currency through the act of redemption, which has placed our paper circulation on a par with specie everywhere throughout the realm. If our opponents could have had their way, as indicated in their national platform of 1876, the redemption act would have been repealed and resumption would not have been reached. What effect that would have had upon our currency. It does not require a very high order of intellect to understand as clearly as the most common problems that are brought to public consideration.

With prosperous industries under protection; with a sound and stable currency for business purposes; with a rapidly decreasing public debt; with our securities at a high premium; with a public credit in which all the civilized nations of the earth have the most perfect confidence; with prosperity and hope pervading the marts of trade and all branches of industry, it is not strange, just as we are stepping over the threshold of this new era of prosperity and thrift under republican auspices, that those who begin to feel the beneficent influence of the times should shrink from a change of policy, which, at best, promises disturbance and derangement, and, at the worst, would bring inevitable disaster to the general business of the country. In view of this great hazard to the people, outside the machinery of politics, and regardless of former political faiths and relations, are rapidly settling down upon the conviction that it is best to "let well enough alone."

The mayor of New York has recently caused the arrest of three hundred lottery men who keep lottery shops. He intends to prosecute the cases with vigor. So far, so good. But what is he going to do about the lottery at the Westminster hotel, where the Irving Hall and Tammany magazines are drawing cuts for the political prizes of the great city? Is the man who sells a chance in the Louisiana drawing more than they who are mulling off congressional districts? What a commentary the proceeding is upon the cry of "Reform!" It measures accurately enough the part which morals have played in democratic divisions.

SOUTHERN HUNGER FOR SPOILS.

The Meridian (Miss.) Mercury is probably the most pretentious and hence the most hypocritical of all the blatant republican hater in the south. It lives and thrives on its hates, and yet it glories in the fact that one of its proprietors has had fifteen months of employment under a republican administration as a clerk in one of the departments, and in reply to a query of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN—"How is this for a 'republican administration'?"—it reminds us that "Mr. HAYES began his administration by taking a democrat into his cabinet, Postmaster-General KEY."

The Mercury rather has us on the abstract historic circumstance to which it refers, but not on the merits of the question involved. It does not follow, because the president sought to conciliate and pacify a rebel brigadier by honoring him with confidence and position, that every unrepentant and blatant rebel in the south is entitled to equal recognition. Ex-Postmaster-General KEY was kind enough to aid President HAYES in his work of reconciliation by accepting a portfolio in his administration, and it is but just to him to say that with the exception that he distributed a large amount of republican patronage among the democrats of the south, he was faithful to his trust and acceptable with the people. But because the president tried this doubtful experiment it does not follow that every hungry, unrepentant and abusive confederate democrat shall also be tied up to a stall in the republican stable to be fed from the republican crib. When the democratic party gets possession of the government then it will care for its own, and no republican will find occasion for murmuring thereat. When that day comes no republican need apply, and, for that matter, no republican of consistency and self-respect will ever apply to or receive an office at the hands of a party with which he has nothing in common either in principle or sympathy. One thing, however, we have noticed in our relations with the democrats of the south—they will sink more self-respect and consistency to secure a paltry office and its emoluments than any set of men we have ever known. They never seem to exercise any sense of consistency or right in their hungerings for place. They will take all they can get and then revile and curse the hand that feeds them, and the Meridian Mercury is not an exception to this rule.

It is this want of principle—this destitution of consistency and honor—this spirit of deprecation that characterized the rebellion, and which is preserved now as a ruling principle of action by that people in their relations to the government—that has aroused a general feeling of alarm throughout the great north and west these controlling influences in southern action shall despoil the whole nation, should the democratic party attain to power. It is this feeling of insecurity, this fear of having the interests of this great nation transferred to the care of a party whose chief inspiration is to capture the offices and secure an opportunity to plunder, which is rapidly rendering the north solid in this contest to prevent such a national calamity. Northern political action is now clothed in the same spirit with which men and women buckle on life-preservers when they are on board a ship which is surrounded with peril. The south has taught the north that it cannot be trusted. When it disregards human and divine law and resorts to outrage, violence and murder to secure political advantage, it teaches the country that it will no more respect the law of right when in than when out of power. For this reason the people have determined that the democratic party shall be defeated in this contest. It is no time to give power into hands that are stained with treason and rebellion, and for that matter with all the crimes that make up the calendar of human abominations.

THE EIGHTH VA. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

We have noticed with some regret of late that a spirit of defection was settling down upon the nominated ticket of the republicans of the eighth Virginia district, in the Alexandria section, and perhaps elsewhere. We regretted this, for we had hoped that unity and harmony might prevail to an extent that would give us the district under the circumstances. We confess to a want of full understanding and appreciation of the matter, Mr. BAYLY, the republican nominee for congress in that district, announced himself as a candidate in a card published in the Alexandria Gazette in January last. The congressional committee called a convention early, which declared Mr. BAYLY the nominee. If the convention was improperly organized or conducted that fact has not been brought to our attention, but since the nomination we have been advised that a feeling of dissatisfaction has been engendered in the district, which is not conducive to republican unity and success. We have not meddled in this matter, and do not propose to do so now, beyond giving the facts as we understand them. We desire republican success there and elsewhere in the land, and whatever influences against that brings feelings of profound regret.

MINOR TOPICS.

The Chinese have originated many of the arts now common throughout the world. Among those of a few in line character may be mentioned that of "banging" the hair, during some years past so common a means of feminine adornment here and in Europe. The Chinese maiden "bangs," whereas the Chinese wife draws her flowing locks into tight knot on the top of her head.

MAJOR POWERS, chief clerk of the treasury, proposes to meet the demand for fractional currency by issuing greenbacks of the denomination of one and two, which may be divisible into halves and quarters. His plan is to have the face of the note printed as present. The back he would have divided into four sections, each bearing a separate obligation on the part of the government for its redemption. These may be issued as they are called for, and may pass in their complete form until the holder finds occasion to cut them for the purpose of change, when their tendency will be

GOOD PROSPECTS IN TENNESSEE.

Should Tennessee elect a republican governor in November there will be considerable surprise both north and south, and yet there is more than a fighting chance for it. There is a crisis in the democratic party of Tennessee. The danger to its continued supremacy in the state is greater than would appear to be the case if one should be confined to the expressions of the state press in obtaining means to form an opinion. The regulars have nearly all the democratic newspapers in their favor, and these profess to believe that Wilson, the bolters' republican candidate, will not draw off many voters from the regular tickets. We think they are mistaken. The virus of repudiation has taken deep hold of the democrats of western Tennessee. That section has been represented by low-tax men in the legislature for several years, and they twenty counties composing middle Tennessee have been strongly against debt-paying since the question was first agitated. In east Tennessee the regulars will find their only sure pluralities over the repudiators, and in that section of the state the republicans will beat the strongest of the democratic factions.

POLITICAL NOTES.

It is sagely remarked for Wade Hampton that he is convinced "silence is golden unless you can depend on the reporter."

The next great New York raffle for offices will come off in 1884. The present scheme is played out. The people will now have their say.

"What is the stage of the democratic candidate for vice-president?" asks a correspondent. Why, don't you know? Mortgage of course.

This "political heavy artillery" of the democrats is made up of shoddy, and hence are only available against the "niggers" of the southern states.

"Tom Brown," says the Louisville Courier-Journal, "didn't have half the fun at Oxford as he would have in America at the great well known." He is going south, where they have a weakness for making a visitor enjoy life "with a shotgun."

A young woman in Pennsylvania has agreed with her lover that she will marry him immediately after the election if Hancock wins, but if Garfield is elected she will wait until the following year.

The economic and acquisitive English is setting a reputation. "If as many men desired to see English as crowd to Hancock's post-official leaves," says a Cleveland paper, "the former would shut himself up in a hall and sell admission tickets at a quarter apiece." Unless he could get fifty cents.

By, as the democratic ditherers assert, General Garfield has rendered himself liable to two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000, why don't they have him arrested and put out of the way? They either lie or are derelict in duty to the ends of justice. The presumption is that they lie, for they would be only too happy to get him out of the way.

The Washington correspondent of the Alexandria Gazette, under date of September 2, writes: Mr. Cabell, member of congress from the Danville district, in Virginia, was here yesterday. In a conversation with a friend he expressed himself confident of his own reelection, but was not so certain about the state at large, and feared that Allen, Goode and Garrison, in the seventh, second and first districts, would be defeated. A well-wisher of Mr. Cabell, from his own district, who arrived here yesterday, is not so sanguine in his hopes of Mr. Cabell's election as Mr. C. is.

The democracy of the third congressional district of Minnesota, having experienced quite enough with Ignatius Donnelly, have nominated Hon. Henry T. Welles of Minneapolis as their candidate in opposition to General W. D. Washburn. Mr. Welles, though a life-long democrat, has not been an active politician of late years; yet, being a man of large property and last year's successful freely toward democratic campaign funds. Both candidates being residents of the same city, sectional strife will hardly form an element in the contest this year, and General Washburn stands an excellent chance of being returned to congress by a largely increased majority, and no danger of a contested seat; for Welles, though a democrat is not a demagogue.

A Card from Mr. Bayly.

To the Editor of The National Republican:

Sir: As there seems to be some opposition to me as the candidate of the republican party in the eighth district of Virginia for congress, and as it is my desire to secure harmony and do nothing to militate against the interest of the party, I have this proposition to make: That, if the congressional committee deems proper, I call another convention, to be held in Alexandria, after fifteen days' notice, and if in said convention one-fourth of the delegates vote against me, I will retire and give the nominee my active support. If the party are of opinion that it is inadvisable to call such a convention, I am perfectly willing for him to take the field upon the conditions above stated.

S. P. BAYLY.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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SPECIAL NOTICE—THE ILLINOIS State Republican Association will meet on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, at 10 o'clock, at No. 26 Fifth Street, Northwest, where all who wish to join can present their names. The full list of members also meets at the same place on the following day, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, at 10 o'clock. Address: LOCK BOX 505, Washington, D. C.

SCHOOL OF MUSIC, 707 EIGHTH STREET, NORTHWEST.

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